



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
www.dnr.illinois.gov

JB Pritzker, Governor
Colleen Callahan, Director

Illinois Fall Gun Wild Turkey Season Harvest Totals 255 Birds

Hunters in Illinois harvested a statewide total of 255 wild turkeys during the 2021 Fall Gun Turkey Season. The season dates were October 23rd- October 31st. The 2021 total compares with the statewide turkey harvest of 266 in 2020 and is the sixth consecutive year marking a record low because of waning interest in the season. The record harvest was set in 2005 when 1,218 birds were harvested. This year 1,624 regular Fall Gun Season permits were sold compared to 1,742 last year and 4,968 sold in 2007, the highest total on record.

Fall gun hunting was open in 56 of Illinois' 102 counties. The top counties for harvest this year were Marion (22), Jo Daviess (18), Jefferson (16), Knox (13), and Union (12). Preliminary harvest reports show 57% of the harvest were female birds, 43% were male.

The table below includes the preliminary 2021 county-by-county fall gun turkey harvest results with comparable totals for 2020:

County	2020	2021
Adams	4	0
Alexander	2	3
Brown	3	3
Calhoun	2	1
Carroll	5	2
Cass	6	5
Clark	5	4
Clay	3	6
Crawford	3	3
Edwards	2	2
Franklin	7	8
Fulton	9	4
Gallatin/Hardin	12	6
Greene	1	2
Hamilton	6	3
Hancock	1	1
Henderson	2	3
Jackson	6	8
Jasper	9	4
Jefferson	16	16

Jersey	0	1
Jo Daviess	16	18
Johnson	11	6
Knox	12	13
Lawrence	2	2
Macoupin	1	3
Madison	3	6
Marion	15	22
Mason	4	5
Massac	1	0
McDonough	0	1
Menard	0	2
Mercer	1	1
Monroe	4	3
Morgan	2	1
Perry	2	6
Pike	2	1
Pope	5	9
Pulaski	2	0
Randolph	9	5
Richland	6	3
Rock Island	2	4
Saline	1	3
Schuyler	2	3
Scott	3	3
Stephenson	2	3
Union	8	12
Wabash	1	0
Warren	1	1
Washington	5	1
Wayne	18	8
White	3	3
Whiteside	2	4
Williamson	10	11
Winnebago	6	4
Unknown	0	3
Total	266	255